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State To Honor Fallen Victims of September 11th, Emergency Personnel and Volunteers
Governor Frank O'Bannon invites all Hoosiers to join him for a ceremony commemorating the one-year anniversary of the September 11th terror attacks. Other state, federal and local officials, as well as firefighters, police officers, veterans and active-duty members of the military, also will attend the ceremony, which is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. September 11th on the west side of the Statehouse (on the corner of Senate Avenue and Government Way). "We should never forget the terrible acts of terrorism made against our country on September 11, 2001," O'Bannon said. "But we should also celebrate the outpouring of patriotism that resulted from the events of that day. This ceremony is meant for Hoosiers to share in the pride we have for our country while we also honor both those lost in the terror attacks and those engaged in Operation Freedom." (Article provided by INTERCHANGE, a publication released by the Indiana State Personnel Department, September 2002).

AmeriCorps Sustainability Training – September 25th – 27th

The ICCSV is very excited about beginning this first full year of implementing the sustainability plans for all AmeriCorps State programs. The Indiana AmeriCorps Director's Association (IADA) and the ICCSV will be hosting a meeting and discussion on September 25th and 26th. Event location and other details will be provided in the near future. It is strongly encouraged and recommended that Executive Directors on behalf of the AmeriCorps program participate on the 26th, as the information to be discussed is critical to the program's successful efforts with respect to sustainability.

Work Continues at a Steady Pace on Unified State Plan's Next Steps

The ICCSV is gearing up to take Indiana's Unified State Plan for Service (USP) to communities throughout the state. "We are pleased to have a plan of action," says Amber Roos, deputy director at the ICCSV. Roos says that recently the ICCSV staff developed a Concept Paper outlining the Commission's plan for putting the USP into action. "Our goal is to present, through a series of regional town hall meetings and leadership roundtables, volunteerism and community service as one alternative to addressing local needs," says Commissioner Jim Perry, chair of the ICCSV Resource Committee, the group which oversees the USP process. "The underlying theme of the USP is to engage local citizens in their communities. Where those energies are spent - education, community development, citizen development, etc. - is up to each individual community to decide. The ICCSV will be there to assist local communities as both a resource and consultant when called upon." In addition, the ICCSV hopes to establish an Inter-Agency Council to **collaborate** and **communicate** with one another in the **coordination** of state resources designed to assist local communities. "We are very excited about this process," says Roos. "As Governor O'Bannon said in his 1997 State of the State Address, 'we want to spread service across Indiana like wildfire.'" To access Indiana's Unified State Plan for Service and the Concept Paper, please visit the ICCSV's web site at www.in.gov/iccsv/unified or for more information contact the ICCSV at 317-233-4273.

2002 AmeriCorps Opening Ceremonies – October 25th

The ICCSV will kick-off the 2002-2003 AmeriCorps program year with an Opening Ceremony for new and returning AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, Promise Fellow and VISTA members. The statewide event will take place at the **Indiana War Memorial** (431 North Meridian Street) on **Friday, October 25, 2002**. Registration will begin at 10:00 A.M. with the Opening Ceremonies getting underway at 10:30 A.M. "We think it is fitting that this ceremony honoring America's 'domestic foot soldiers' will be held in a memorial to those who gave their lives for our democratic way of life," says Joseph L. Smith, Sr., the ICCSV's executive director. AmeriCorps members and invited guests will attend a luncheon from 12:00 to 1:30 P.M. at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Smith says the luncheon will feature an inter-generational panel in which individuals from the G.I. to the Millennial generation will share their experiences in relationship to the era in which they came of age and how those experiences have shaped who they are and why they serve. "All of us can learn much from the experiences of others. All of us need to understand the social, political, and economic forces that shape who each of us is in relationship to our generation. Dialogue of this sort helps to break down barriers that have been erected between every generation over the last century." Beginning at 1:30 P.M. guests will return to Pershing Auditorium at the War Memorial where new and returning members will participate in an Induction Ceremony, where they will recite the AmeriCorps Pledge. Lieutenant Governor Joseph E. Kernan has been invited to induct members and offer remarks. After the brief ceremony, members will have an opportunity to meet with individuals from other programs to discuss the role of citizens and civic engagement in a democratic society in facilitated discussion groups. The ICCSV estimates the day's event to conclude at 4:00 P.M.

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Make A Difference Day

If you have not done so already, please mark your calendars for *Make A Difference Day* on Saturday, October 26, 2002. Created by USA WEEKEND Magazine, *Make A Difference Day* is an annual event and is the most encompassing national day of helping others -- a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. Everyone can participate! If your organization is hosting a *Make A Difference Day* event, please let us know! Please send a small blurb of 200 words or less regarding the day's events and activities and contact information to Brandy Wood at bwood@dwd.state.in.us for inclusion on our website!

National Family Volunteer Day

National Family Volunteer Day, November 23, 2003, is sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation and the Alliance for Children and Families. The purpose of *National Family Volunteer Day* is "to call families across America to work together in volunteer service to strengthen their families, communities, local businesses, and non-profit organizations." This year's theme is "My Family Matters – We Volunteer!". If your organization is hosting a *National Family Volunteer Day*, please let us know! Please send a small blurb of 200 words or less regarding the day's events and activities and contact information to Brandy Wood at bwood@dwd.state.in.us for inclusion on our website!

Order Your 2003 Indiana 2016 Calendars Now!

The ICCSV would like to share an exciting opportunity to have your name on a calendar that shares the message of community building. Indiana 2016 is now taking orders for their 2003 calendar. This calendar will include all national service dates as well as other important dates to Hoosiers. For more information on the calendar and to view the 2002 version, please visit their website at www.indiana2016.org. You just might recognize some of the faces in the 2003 version of calendar!

Tip of the Month!

Want to make a career out of serving others? The highly respected **Center on Philanthropy** and the top-rated **School of Public and Environmental Affairs** at Indiana University in Indianapolis offer opportunities for individuals to obtain a degree in philanthropic studies or pursue a career in non-profit management. For more information, please visit www.philanthropy.iupui.edu and/or www.spea.iupui.edu.

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Important Deadlines and Upcoming Events

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